

Axis Will Rock In 1943

"1943 dawns with the prospect of many synchronized Allied attacks, . . . From Murmansk to Morocco, across the Atlantic and beyond the Pacific, blows will fall with equal force and surprise on all three Axis powers, under which they will reel and rock on their way to final defeat."

ALLIED BOMBS HAVE HITLER 'ON THE SPOT'

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE Russian crash through the long-prepared German winter lines protecting the Ukraine is no accident. At the moment it is of secondary importance whether they drive on much further or not. The main objective has been accomplished.

This is the successful launching of carefully timed moves in an overall Allied plan designed to prevent the Nazi High Command ever again being free to concentrate strength or attention on one sector at a time.

That both Alexander in Africa and Timoshenko near the Ukraine have inflicted heavy defeats on Hitler's best armies, that both have taken a heavier toll of Nazi main power and armor than Hitler has ever inflicted before—even these have not been the main reasons for the strategic significance that Axis leaders, even if they act against the reactions they have created behind the Axis facade, must immediately recognize. Perhaps is the clear proof—if not needed—that Hitler has not hitler "on the spot" between the eastern and southern fronts, being able to place the defense priorities of either in turn to meet the new threat.

PRELUDE TO DEFEAT
It is an axiom of strategy that this military lack of focus is inevitable prelude to a series of defeats leading to final disaster. Next on the Nazi list of problems is the fear of what will now be the sequence of repercussions not only on the home front but actually on the battlefield.

Today no one in Europe talks about an early Axis victory, and it is doubtful whether anyone believes in a final one. The people are beginning to realize that the Reichswahr is not being temporarily cheated of this victory but is being decisively defeated in their own game.

DRAIN ON STRENGTH
The reason for this is because the German situation is being designed originally to maintain only one front at a time is incapable of keeping two theatres of war supplied on 1943 standards. As a result of having been supplied to "cover up" in Europe, the African fighting from the Nazi side can in future be regarded only as a delaying action on a major scale, and even that is draining Hitler's strength deeply.

THREATEN the importance of this zone, because whether or not Hitler succeeds in keeping the Anglo-American armies at bay in Tunisia-Sicily-Sardinia triangle, both sides will profit of it.

In addition, while he is concentrating on this, he is losing ground, men and invaluable material in the west. The German situation is being seriously interfering with the vast Allied expansion in the west.

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King's "Confidence" Broadcast Put

CHRISTMAS CHEER IN 20 WORDS

THESE 20 WORDS SPOKEN BY THE KING IN HIS BROADCAST SET THE SEAL ON THE FOURTH CHRISTMAS OF BRITAIN AT WAR. HE SAID: "THE RECENT VICTORIES WON BY THE UNITED NATIONS ENABLE ME THIS CHRISTMAS TO SPEAK WITH FIRM CONFIDENCE ABOUT THE FUTURE."

Millions For Britain's Workers

BIG NEW Year's gifts for workers in the shape of wages increases are on the way. During 1942 workers' earnings have risen by more than £100,000,000, and this welcome trend is likely to continue.

WOMEN PLOT TO ROB

WHEN women shop thieves appeared in the dock at Marlborough St. Police Court yesterday, women detective said a letter found on Elmore Cotter, aged thirty-two, of Pool-rd., West Ebury, Surrey, showed that she and another woman, called by planned shoplifting couples.

DOCKERS, TOO

The dockers, who are equally key workers in these days when the quick turn-round of ships is essential to the war effort, have asked for a substantial increase. The dockers have asked for 3d an hour extra, or just over 18s a week.

Airman Drifts For 60 Miles

WHEN his plane was forced to land on the water owing to engine trouble, Sub-Lieutenant A. J. S. Smith, R.C.A.F., London, the observer, drifted for nearly 60 miles in the Mediterranean before being picked up within three days.

"COL BRITTON" C.B.C. European

who led the "V" sign campaign that nettled the Germans, spoke again on Christmas night for the first time since May.

BEST FILMS OF YEAR

Noel Coward's film "In Which We Serve" and the British film "The Boat on the Beach" are listed as the first and second best films of 1942 by the National Board of Review for American Signatures, in Motion Pictures.

Your Milk Problem and the 30-Second Breakfast

ALL over Britain, busy housewives like to start their families off for the day with a 30-second breakfast of Kellogg's Corn Flakes.

NEWSPAPER THIEVES BUSY—TWO WERE FINED

So serious have the thefts of newspapers become that the trade association has been compelled to prosecute.

SHOP MURDER CHARGE

CHOP MURDER CHARGE. On Christmas Eve, at Malmesbury, Wiltshire, a man was charged with the murder of Albert James Bates, aged 42, who was a tobacconist's shop.

WAR-TIME GARDENING

WHILE land is bare, it is easier to improve soil. Heavy crop taking takes lot of nitrogen and it must be replaced to produce equally good crops.

Puddings made with eggs are nice Tapioca, Sago, Rice...but

Just you taste CREAMOLA. Creamola comes nearest to the pudding of the old days made with eggs. But with no egg improvement, the famous Creamola flavour. Just you taste!

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The Perfect Gent

Wives in Court: MY husband speaks highly of his sergeant-major but he is a gentleman.

"When I am in the Army," said my husband, "you won't be able to bring me up a cup of tea, but you will be able to do my laundry for me by sending me a few shillings for beer."

My husband said let's make a deal: a real season of peace and good will—you leave me alone in the house.

—And Husbands: At a dinner in making way whilst the sun shines—she always sees she gets all the money I earn when I receive it.

When I returned to my wife that we never seemed to see eye-to-eye together, she said: "We will do it again, when you do all I want you to do."

I always give my wife anything she wants when she asks for it, but she didn't find the butcher so soft-hearted when she wanted a turkey.

Stricken "Fort" Bags Its Hunk

THE top-turret gunner of a stricken Flying Fortress, missing following the raid on Romilly-sur-Seine on Sunday last, destroyed a German tank while falling. It was disclosed yesterday, by headquarters U.S. Eighth Air Force.

The plane was one of six missing, but more than 44 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

REPAIRS 12,000 SHIPS

Mr. H. Gerrish Smith, President of the National Council of American Shipbuilders, stated in New York yesterday that the industry expects to repair more than 12,000 vessels during the year.

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